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The office action of 09-28-2004 has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 1 through 11 remain in this case, claims 6 and 12 being cancelled.

Preliminary Comments

The claims were amended as follows, to correct typographical errors and other informalities. No new matter was introduced. Specifically:

Claims 6 and 12 are rewritten in independent forms by amending the same into claims 1 and 7 respectively.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2,3,6,8,9,12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner's statement that claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, and 12 are allowable. Claims 6 and 12 are rewritten in independent forms by amending the same into claims 1 and 7 respectively. Therefore claims 1 and 7 as amended, are deemed allowable. The rest of the dependent claims, by virtue of their dependency, are deemed allowable as well.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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